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## PRESS RELEASE

### **USAID renovated primary school 'Drita' in Saraj**

The U.S. and the American people are investing \$ 3,000,000 in the renovation and educational development in Macedonia. 'Drita P.S. in Saraj, received around \$30,000 donation for the replacement of electricity and windows. The successful ending of the renovation has been celebrated by the school, the municipality and USAID PEP on October 30<sup>th</sup> with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in the school.

"This project is one of 40 school renovation activities that have been carried out by USAID's Primary Education Project so far. By 2011 we will have renovated over 100 schools, which is nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia", said Embassy representative Matthew Keener.

The renovation component of the USAID Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of responsibility for school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

The USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), implemented by the Academy for Educational Development (AED), works with all public primary schools in Macedonia. The project seeks to improve the quality of instruction and increase employment skills of students. The overall goal of the USAID Education Program is to strengthen education in Macedonia and to support decentralization efforts, as Macedonia seeks entrance to the European Union.

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.